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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on September 20, 2004, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has failed to unambiguously elect a single species. Specifically, Applicant has stated that “Applicants elect to prosecute Species E”. Applicant later identifies claims allegedly readable upon “elected Species B”, and furthermore refers to “elected Species E”. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Applicant is advised that a reply to the election of species requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with the requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

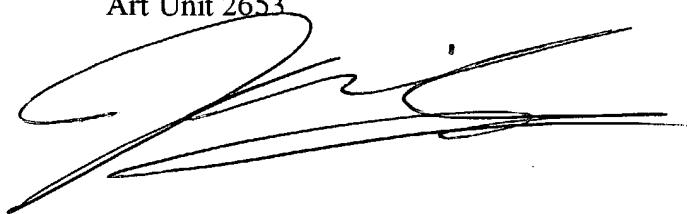
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Julie Anne Watko whose telephone number is (703) 305-7742. The examiner can normally be reached on Tues, Thurs and Fri 10AM-10PM, alternate Saturdays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William R. Korzuch can be reached on (703)305-6137. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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November 4, 2004
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JULIE ANNE WATKO", is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.